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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Corrected/Amended Response to Office Action mailed October 1, 2003; and
2. Return Post Card.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 25436/1280. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 1, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.